Principal’s Messages

After School Programs
These programs commenced positively last week with Athletics on Monday and Dance on Wednesday. Year 2 students will now be allowed to register for Dance on Wednesdays (previously only Year 3 to 7). Please send those registration forms in ASAP or a note to add Year 2 students to the list.

Eisteddfod Report
It was a great performance at the Bundaberg Eisteddfod on Wednesday evening by strings members, Lara Benecke, Lily Pannowitz, Amber Blanch and Ben Cooper. Congratulations, students. Thank-you to Mrs Christine Buwalda for her efforts to prepare our students for the performance.

NAPLAN
Students in Year 3, 5 and 7 this week participate in NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. NAPLAN Brochures have been included with the Informer for the information of all families. Best wishes to all of the students participating in the tests. It is a big week for them. Below is a summary of 2013 NAPLAN highlights.

2013 NAPLAN HIGHLIGHTS at KOLAN SOUTH

• Kolan South achieved above the Nation in 8 out of 15 areas and on par in the other 7 areas
• 100% of students achieved above the National Benchmark in Reading in Year 3 and 5 and 96% in Year 7
• All year levels achieved at above the National mean in Grammar and Punctuation
• Yr 3 were above the National mean in Numeracy while Year 7 were substantially above in Numeracy

Premier’s Reading Challenge
This year’s Reading Challenge commences next week. Every student will receive a reading record card and we hope that we will have an even greater number of students participating in 2014. More information, next week.

My Story, Your Story
Payment envelopes have been sent home today for next Thursday’s ArtsLink performance titled ‘My Story, Your Story’. Information about the presentation has again been included in this newsletter.

Well Done, Zahli
Well done to Zahli Schrader for her efforts last week in representing Bundaberg Zone at the Wide Bay Hockey trials.

Zone Cross Country Results
It was a very commendable effort by our representatives in Bundaberg Zone Cross Country trials held last week. All students were impressive in their efforts which are listed below. Special congratulations go to Amber Blanch for achieving 8th in the 10 Year Girls (missed 7th by a nose!), an outstanding result at this level of competition.

Amber B (8th in the 10 Year Girls)
Brock D (30th in the 10 Year Boys)
Desiree C (20th in the 11 Year Girls)
Dane M (24th in the 11 Year Boys)
Lara B (20th in the 12 Year Girls)
Connor W (14th in the 12 Year Boys)
Zane P (14th in 13 Year Boys)
Chandler D (20th in 13 Year Boys)

P&C Meeting
Our P&C Meeting is tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday 13 May, from 5.00 to 6.00pm in the library. All are welcome to attend our meeting to be held in the library.

Corps of Drums Performs
This Friday morning, 16 May, the Corps of Drums travels to Bundaberg to perform at the Child & Family Community Expo being held at the Bundaberg PCYC. The band will perform at 11.00am for those who are able to make it along. Good luck to Deane Drinnen and Corps of Drums members and support crew.

BRAND NEW GIRLS SKORTS FOR SALE
Clearance price of $15.00 each
Sizes available: 8, 12, 14, 16
Be quick! Limited numbers!
Available from Administration

SCHOOL CALENDAR
May 13 (Tue) P&C Meeting 5.00pm
May 13-15 NAPLAN Yr 3, 5 and 7 Tests
May 22 (Thur) ArtsLink Performance ‘My Story, Your Story’
May 29 (Thur) Bundaberg Show Holiday
June 4 (Wed) Science Competition
June 6 (Fri) Queensland Day
June 9 (Mon) Queen’s Birthday Holiday
June 20 (Fri) Interhouse Sports Day
June 26 (Thur) Semester 1 Reports / Disco
June 27 (Fri) Last day of term

No Assembly this week due to NAPLAN Testing on Thursday morning
BIRTHDAYS
May
12 Brodi B, 22 Emerson P, 22 Byron G
25 Kelly L, Milly V, 30 Max V

CLASS AWARDS
Liam M: Consistently demonstrating an eagerness to learn.
Amber W: Being a number recognition wizard.
Isobal M: Using great adjectives in her character description.
Indy Z: Terrific thinking and learning in Maths.
Jade D: Being a cheerful, hardworking class member.
Abby D: Always on task and working to her best ability.
Kelly J: Fantastic efforts and contributions.
Healya W: Working hard to complete all set tasks.
Lewis D: Working towards completing all work on time.
Seryce R: Completing her work neatly and on time.
Desiree C: Outstanding improvements in her Language Conventions Skills.
Congratulations to our Strings Ensemble for an excellent effort at the Bundaberg Eisteddfod. Well done to:
Amber B, Ben C, Lily P and Lara B

ARTSLINK PERFORMANCE 22 May
My Story Your Story
From a remote Aboriginal community to the bright lights of the city, Jesse discovers that everybody’s story is worth telling.
Jesse’s family have always loved singing, dancing and telling stories. When talent scouts visit the remote Aboriginal community where Jesse lives and pick her out from the rest, it looks like the opportunity of a lifetime. But being billeted with a city family is not what she expected. It is only when Jesse meets Sam that they both learn that everyone’s story is important.
Weaving Aboriginal dance, music, art and dreamtime stories into the performance fabric, My Story Your Story will enlighten students’ understanding of Aboriginal culture as they sing and dance along with Jesse and Sam. Based on true stories and developed with students from the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts, this production will highlight the human connection of the oral storytelling tradition and inspire young people to share stories of their own.

EUMUNDI MARKETS & SUNSHINE PLAZA TRIP
Need an excuse to go shopping? Why not join Carinbundi for its annual Mother’s Day Shopping Trip to Eumundi Markets and Sunshine Plaza, and help to raise funds for people with disabilities in the Bundaberg Region. When: Saturday, 24 May, 2014. Bus leaves at 6am and returns at approximately 8pm from our office at 4/44 Johanna Boulevard. Pick up is also available from Childers. Cost is $55. So gather a group of friends and phone Carinbundi on 41513510 to book your seat.